



LOS ANGELES COUNTY **REDISTRICTING 2021**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZIENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (CRC)
CRC MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING – January 13, 7:00 pm
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

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Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., Executive Director for the Los Angeles County Redistricting Commission (CRC) called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Thai V. Le, KH Consulting Group (KH) staff for the CRC, took roll call with the following Commissioners present:





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Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
Yes	Commissioner Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Priya Sridharan
Yes	Commissioner Mark Mendoza	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Apolonio Morales	Yes	Commissioner John Vento
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner Carolyn Williams
Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura	Yes	Commissioner Doreena Wong

3. OATH OF OFFICE

The 14 CRC Commissioners took the Oath of Office, administered by Twila Kerr, Chief, Los Angeles County Executive Office - Commission Services.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Holtzman requested the Agenda be modified to address Item 7B after 7F. A motion was made and the Agenda was approved with that modification.

Motion Made:	Commissioner John Vento		
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Holtzman		
Outcome:	Unanimously approved		
Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Saira Soto
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5. PUBLIC COMMENT—GENERAL

This is the time for public comment on matters not on the agenda. Pursuant to state law, the Commission may not discuss or act on issues not on the meeting agenda, except that members of the Commission or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed. Staff may be asked to follow up on such items.

One written public comment was made on matters not on the agenda, was made available to the Commissioners prior to the meeting, and is posted on the Executive Office’s Commission website.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Items listed under the consent calendar are considered by the CRC Executive Director to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion unless a Commissioner requests otherwise, in which case the item will be removed for separate consideration.

6a. The 8 Commissioners involved in the December 2020 CRC meetings reviewed the minutes of December 26, 2020. A motion was made to approve them.

Motion Made:	Commissioner John Vento		
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Jean Franklin		
Outcome:	Unanimously approved		
Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner John Vento

6b. The 8 Commissioners involved in the December 2020 CRC meetings reviewed the minutes of December 28, 2020. A motion was made to approve them.

Motion Made:	Commissioner Brian Stecher		
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Hailes Soto		
Outcome:	Unanimously approved		
Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura
Yes	Commissioner David Holtzman	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
Yes	Commissioner Daniel Mayeda	Yes	Commissioner Brian Stecher
Yes	Commissioner Nelson Obregon	Yes	Commissioner John Vento





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7. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough provided an overview to the approach to each action/discussion item on the agenda.

7a. Commissioner Introductions

The 14 Commissioners introduced themselves to the public and to each other, including their experiences, passions, and overall view of what they hope to accomplish through the Commission.

Ms. Lorayne Lingate, the County Program Manager, and Twila Kerr, both from the Los Angeles County Executive Office, welcomed the Commissioners and provided an overview of their roles with the Commission. Ms. Lingate explained the County’s responsibilities to provide the CRC with resource support, including the mapping software and database, CRC website, Independent Legal Counsel (Holly O. Whatley, Esq., of Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC), and the CRC Executive Director (Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., President, KH Consulting Group). The CRC Executive Director has staffing resources, such as Thai V. Le (GIS Specialist and Technical Support), Carlos Alba (Public Outreach), and others, to assist with the redistricting efforts. The Executive Director can retain Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) as needed to enable Commissioners to accomplish the work at hand. The County is obligated to provide reasonable accommodations.

7b. Commissioner Selection Process (Draft Report) – Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., CRC Executive Director

This item was moved to the end of the Agenda for discussion and consideration. Later in the meeting, this item was continued without discussion to a future meeting.

7c. Consent Under California Professional Rule of Responsibility No. 1.8.6 to Independent Legal Counsel’s Representation of the Commission

Holly O. Whatley, Esq., CRC Independent Legal Counsel, reviewed Required Consent. After discussion, a motion was made and the Commissioners approved the Consent for Independent Legal Counsel’s Representation of the Commission by Holly O. Whatley, Esq., of Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC.

Motion Made:	Commissioner David Holtzman		
Motion Seconded and Third:	Commissioner Priscilla Orpinela-Segura Commissioner Carolyn Williams		
Outcome:	Unanimously approved		
Yes	Commissioner Jean Franklin	Yes	Commissioner Hailes Soto
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7d. Overview of Brown Act/Conflict of Interest/Public Records Act (PRA), including the need to complete AB 1234 training online within 60 days

Holly Whatley provided an overview training of the Brown Act, Conflict of Interest, and need to complete AB 1234 training online. In addition, she reviewed the requirement for CRC Commissioners and staff to complete Form 700 and submit it to her by February 5, 2021.

The Public Records Act (PRA) training will be continued at a later CRC meeting in the interest of time.

Note:

- The Commission took a 5- minute recess at 9:07 p.m.
- The Commission resumed the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

7e. Draft Bylaws – Holly O. Whatley, Esq., CRC Independent Legal Counsel

Holly Whatley presented an overview of the draft Bylaws.

Public speaker comment: The Commissioners received one public comment from Grace Pang, League of Women Voters of Los Angeles, who: 1) encouraged them to not approve the Bylaws at this first meeting. and 2) extend the public comment portion for members of the public to allow for better feedback from the various community groups.

The Commissioners began discussing the Draft Bylaws. Direction was given to return with a simplified set of Bylaws. Commissioners were encouraged to submit their questions and/or comments to Counsel for clarification. These discussions will continue at the next CRC meeting.

7f. Proposal of 2-4 Community Organizations presentations at each meeting because of importance of community partnerships

Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough mentioned that this is an item for considerations by the Commissioners at a future CRC meeting.





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8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Given that the meeting lasted past 10:00 pm, the Commission did not consider future Agenda Items.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Given that the meeting lasted past 10:00 pm, the Executive Director has deferred this report to the next CRC meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Made:	Commissioner Dan Mayeda
Motion Seconded:	Commissioner Mark Mendoza

The meeting of January 13, 2021 was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

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